LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AOA - American Obesity Association

AR - Adiposity Rebound BMI - Body Mass Index

CATCH - Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health

CDC - Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

CDD - Chronic Degenerative Disease

CHD - Coronary Heart Disease

CHO - Carbohydrate

CVD - Cardiovascular Diseases

DNCDs - Diet Related Non-Communicable Diseases

DXA- Dual X Ray AbsorptiometryFBS- Fasting Blood Sugar

GI - Glycemic Index

HDL-C - High Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol

HT - Hypertension

IBWH - Ideal Body Weight for Height

ICMR - Indian Council of Medical Research

INCLEN - International Clinical Epidemiology Network

IOTF - International Obesity Task Force KIA - Kappa Index of Agreement

LDL-C - Low Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol

NAASO - North American Association for The Study Of Obesity

NCDs - Non-Communicable Diseases

NCHS - National Council for Health Statistics

NHANES - National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

NHES - National Health Examination Survey
NIDDM - Non Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus

NIH - National Institute of Health Non Ow/Ob - Non Overweight/Obese

Ob - Obese
Ow - Overweight
Pl - Ponderal Index

RMR - Resting Metabolic Rate
SFT - Skin Fold Thickness
TC - Total Cholesterol

TEE - Total Energy Expenditure

TG - Triglyceride
TV - Television
US - United States

VAT - Visceral Adipose Tissue

VLDL-C - Very Low Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol

WC - Waist Circumference WHO - World Health Organisation

WHR - Waist to Hip Ratio